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**(37 CFR 1.63)**

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| <b>First Named Inventor</b>   |              | Richard L. Hammons |
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| <b>Filing Date</b>            | 1/31/2002    |                    |
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| <b>Examiner Name</b>          |              |                    |

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My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**NETWORK SECURITY THROUGH CONFIGURATION SERVERS IN THE FABRIC ENVIRONMENT**

the specification of which

(Title of the Invention)

is attached hereto

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was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)  as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number  and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)  (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above:

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| Prior Foreign Application Number(s) | Country | Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Priority Not Claimed                                                                                                                     | Certified Copy Attached? YES                                                                                                             | Certified Copy Attached? NO                                                                                                              |
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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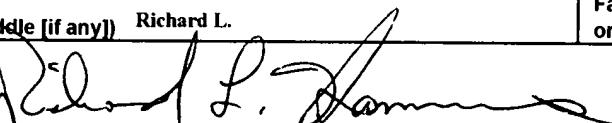
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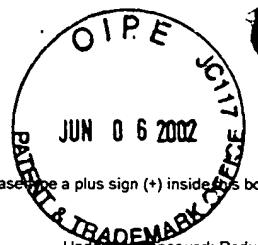
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**DECLARATION**

**ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)  
Supplemental Sheet**

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

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Applicant: Richard P. Hammons

Application No.: 10/066,251

Filed: January 31, 2002

Entitled: Network Security Through Configuration Servers in the Fabric Environment

Brocade Communications Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation,

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

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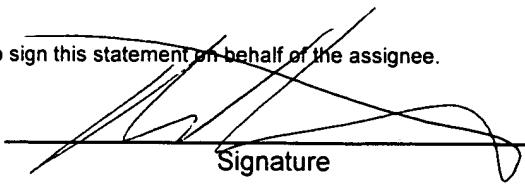
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Date

  
Signature

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Vice President and General Counsel

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